

Please see **3 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) Fall 2013 MEAP Science and Social Studies Online Administration, 2) 6<sup>th</sup> Cohort of FAME Coaches Now Forming, and 3) Access to Secondary Credit Assessments (SCAS) Ends July 2013.

### **1) Fall 2013 MEAP Science and Social Studies Online Administration**

Look for an interest survey to be available very soon regarding online administration of the Fall 2013 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) science and social studies assessments. The Fall 2012 MEAP online administration of social studies was highly successful and the BAA is able to again offer the opportunity for online administration of social studies and to expand this opportunity to science as well.

Online assessment offers a great advantage in reducing the burden on schools related to materials handling, storage, preparation, and return shipping. More details, including a link to the interest survey, will be provided shortly.

### **2) 6th Cohort of FAME Coaches Now Forming**

The Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators (FAME) initiative is a professional development opportunity for learning teams of educators, led by a coach-colleague, to learn, implement, and reflect on the formative assessment process. The Bureau of Assessment & Accountability (BAA) is now accepting applications for the 6<sup>th</sup> cohort of new FAME Coaches.

The application for new coaches (and the training schedule for 2013-14) can be found under the "What's New" heading of the Formative Assessment Process website at [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709\\_55936---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_55936---,00.html). The application deadline for new FAME Coaches is **May 13, 2013**.

### **3) Access to Secondary Credit Assessments (SCAS) Ends July 2013**

Over the past few years, BAA has made a number of Secondary Credit Assessments (Algebra I, Geometry, English 9, English 10, Biology, Chemistry, and U.S. History & Geography) available via the BAA Secure Site ([www.michigan.gov/baa-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/baa-secure)). These assessments will cease to be available in late July 2013. No new Secondary Credit Assessments will be developed.

Michigan's new interim assessments (pre/post assessments) are currently being developed for specific high school courses in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. More information about interim assessments is available at:

[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709\\_63192---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_63192---,00.html).

## Questions?

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